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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN REQUEST TO RENEW PL 480, TITLE I

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1. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS IN
RESPONDING TO FONMIN NOTE ON RENEWAL OF PL 480, TITLE I:

2. U.S. BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS HAVE MADE IT INCREASINGLY
DIFFICULT TO MEET THE GROWING WORLDWIDE DEMAND FOR PL 480
COMMODITIES. IN ADDITION, IN FY 1975 CONGRESS MANDATED THAT
70 PERCENT OF PL 480 TITLE I COMMODITIES BE ALLOCATED TO
MOST-SERIOUSLY-AFFECTED (MSA) NATIONS. WE EXPECT THIS
LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTION TO BE RENEWED THIS YEAR. THUS, WE
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ANTICIPATE MAINTAINING AT LEAST A 70-30 COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

TION PATTERN IN FAVOR OF MSA'S. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES BOLIVIA, WHICH IS NOT AN MSA AND WHICH IS SUFFERING RELATIVELY LIGHTLY FROM THE WORLD ECONOMIC RECESSION, IS UNLIKELY TO RECEIVE TITLE I ALLOCATIONS IN FY 76.

3. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT BOLIVIA IS PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM RECEIVING TITLE I WHEAT. SHOULD BOLIVIA'S ECONOMIC SITUATION DETERIORATE, RELATIVE TO COUNTRIES PRESENTLY RECEIVING TITLE I, THE USG WOULD RECONSIDER REINSTITUTING

THE PROGRAM. IN TERMS OF ASSISTANCE TO OVERCOME DEFICIENCIES IN NUTRITION, HEALTH AND OTHER SOCIAL PROBLEMS, WE NOTE THAT THE TITLE II PROGRAM IN BOLIVIA CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE HEMISPHERE. INGERSOLL

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